

Erebia zapateri ab. *pseudoneoridas* ab. nov.

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Erebia zapateri Obth. is restricted to the Montes Universales, a limited area in Teruel and Cuenca, Central Spain. The species varies very little. One form and a few minor aberrations have been named (Warren 1936). I consider this new aberration worth describing, particularly in view of the suggestion that this species and the much more widespread *Erebia neoridas* Bdv. may be conspecific (Manley and Allcard 1970).

The female Holotype was taken on 9th August 1973 at Bronchales, Teruel, and is in my collection.

Forewings: Upperside; In addition to the usual twin apical ocelli, there are two slightly smaller white pupilled ocelli in S2 and S3. Underside; an Additional white pupilled ocellus in S2 corresponding with the one on the upperside.

Hindwings: Upperside; three small white pupilled ocelli in S2, S3 and S4, enclosed in a red band divided by the nervures. Underside: normal.

If I had not seen this specimen taken and was unaware of its data, I would almost certainly have identified it as a rather bright specimen of *E. neoridas*. On both the upper and undersides it is virtually indistinguishable from some specimens of *E. neoridas*. Unfortunately the specimen, although fresh, is not in perfect condition. It was taken by my five year old son whose technique shows more enthusiasm than finesse.

I illustrate the specimen together with one of *E. neoridas* for comparison. Specimens of *E. neoridas* with all ocelli except the twin apical ones absent and thus resembling *E. zapateri*, have been named as ab. *margarita* Obth. Ab. *pseudoneoridas* now shows that this situation also exists in reverse with specimens of *E. zapateri* resembling *E. neoridas*.

PLATE XIX

- G) *Erebia zapateri* ab. *pseudoneoridas* ab. nov. female Holotype. Bronchales, Teruel. 9th August 1973.
 H) *Erebia neoridas* Bdv. female. Col der la Quillane, Pyrenees-Orientales. 26th August 1966.

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NEOLUCIA SERPENTATA (H.-S.) (LEP.: LYCAENIDAE).—A further find in our garden at Brighton near Adelaide was the common blue *Neolucia serpentata* H.-S. This was on 6th October 1973 and is an addition to my list (cf. *Ent. Rec.*, 85: 189).—Rev. P. C. HAWKER, St Botolph's Vicarage, South Park, Lincoln.